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Summary: KRSD will continue to use Covid-19 Safety Plan and NH-DHHS / CDC Guidelines for Isolation

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Dear Kearsarge Community,

Welcome back for the start of the 2022-2023 school year. We wanted to ensure our community that we are hoping to reestablish a sense of normalcy to the District's routines and procedures so dramatically impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Our intention is to reestablish in-person activities and experiences curtailed by the necessary actions taken in prior years to preserve and protect the health of students and staff during the pandemic. While intending to return to normal interactions within the school community, the District will continue to operate with health procedures relating to Covid-19 require attention and support.

During the 2022-23 school year, the District will continue to utilize a Covid-19 Safety Plan (CSP) to operationalize procedures and guidelines for the community utilizing our facilities. The CSP, formerly named the Reopening Plan 2.0, addresses the guidance and protocols implemented by the District to maintain the health and safety of our educational community in the year to come. For those interesting in reviewing it, the District posts the CSP on the *Covid-19 Resources & Information Page* of the District's website, located here: <https://www.kearsarge.org/coronavirus-covid-19-resources-information>.

Of significant note, the District will continue using NH-DHHS / CDC guidelines related to Covid-19 isolation and quarantine requirements during the 2022-2023 school year. You may locate the most recent CDC and NH-DHHS aligned guidelines here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation.html>.

As members of the Kearsarge community, we ask for your help in continuing to monitor diligently for signs and symptoms of Covid-19 within your home. While the CDC and NH-DHHS may view the presence of Covid-19 as endemic, the virus continues to be a significant threat to normalcy within our schools. Any transmission of the virus within our community not only affects individual student and staff health, but also may potentially disrupt the normal classroom activities, instructional quality, and co-curricular and athletic team events offered by our schools.

Under NH-DHHS guidelines, the District nurses will continue to exclude students suspected to be symptomatic of Covid-19 unless the nurse has the results of a negative antigen test. For specific questions relating to testing, symptoms, or isolation requirements, please contact your student's school nurse directly. They will work with you to determine how best to address the requirements for students exposed to, or recovery from, Covid-19. Additionally, please contact your child's building administration to discuss how they may support academic needs when students face a medical absence.

In closing, we wish you and your family a positive, healthy, and rewarding 2022-2023 school year. Thank you for all you continue to do in support of the health and wellbeing of the students and staff of the Kearsarge community.

Sincerely,

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